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Practical Exercises in English. By HUBER GRAY BUEHLER, Master in the Hotchkiss School. Arranged for use with Adams Sherman Hill's "Foundations of Rhetoric." Harper & Brothers, 1895.

Mr. Buehler's Practical Exercises, arranged for use with Hill's excellent "Foundations of Rhetoric," are sure to be serviceable. The ground which they cover is confined to diction and syntax, but here the method of study proposed is thoroughly sound. The exercises are not concerned with bad English in the sense that wrong expressions are set for correction. This somewhat crude system has bad effects both on the impressionable student whose mind must struggle with the incorrect images that the method obtrudes into his consciousness, and on the ordinary learner who soon comes to correct sentences by clock-work, assuming that with each something must have been the matter. Mr. Buehler supplies sentences innumerable, a blank being left where the right word is to be filled in by the student. At the head of the paragraph the correct word is placed, together with the expressions with which it is likely to be confused. Brief and interesting expositions of the rhetorical principles involved precede each chapter of exercises. In short, Mr. Buehler's manual is so sensible that it may be recommended almost without qualification.

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